

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

Mayor Shannon Kohl called the Martinsville Common Council to order on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Citizen Bud Manley then led those in attendance in opening prayer followed by the Mayor's leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shannon Kohl, Mayor
Terry Buster, District 1
Ben Merida, District 2
Mike Lanam, District 3
Chip Keller, District 4
Phil Deckard II, District 5
Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-Large
David Trout, Councilwoman-at-Large
Ross Holloway, City Engineer
Dale Coffey, City Attorney
Rick Lange, Chief of Police
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Tumey, 1stDeputy Clerk

A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman David Trout to waive the reading of the minutes of January 25, 2016 and to accept the minutes as written. Councilman Phil Deckard II seconded the motion. The Motion passes 5-0. A motion was made by Councilman Ben Merida to waive the reading of the minutes of February 1, 2016 and to accept the minutes as written. Councilman Eric Bowlen seconded the motion. The Motion passes 5-0.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Shannon Kohl discussed the needs of the Morgan County Humane Society. They are in need of bleach, 8-gal garbage cans, pet toys, metal pet dishes, newspaper, bedding, pet food, etc. Donations can be dropped off at City Hall.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Martinsville Chamber of Commerce – Jaime Taylor appeared to remind everyone of the upcoming State of The City dinner. It will be at Martinsville High School. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. The cost of the tickets are \$25.00 each and are available at the Mayor's Office or at the Chamber Office.

Martinsville Parks Department – Del Chafey reported the Parks department are busy with inside projects. Also, the Parks Board has authorized the July 4th Committee to use the Jimmy Nash Park this July 4th. Karianne Martin has been appointed as co-manager of the pool. The second co-manager and assistants will be announced at a later date. The Recreation Department has received a grant in the amount of \$3,978.00 to improve the sound system.

ENGINEERS REPORT

City Engineer Ross Holloway reported bids for the Artesian Acres Stormwater Project were opened during the Board of Works meeting earlier this evening. Low bidder is Atlas Excavating at \$631,400.50. The bid has been given to Kenna Consulting to be presented to ORCA for consideration. There are six lights downtown that failing. It is hoped the lights are under warranty. An inter-local agreement with Morgan County for road/street maintenance in the annexation area is being finalized. The agreement will be brought to the Common Council for approval. Un-accounted for water is down to 10.77%. A special valve must be installed at Best Western Hotel as the water meter there is replaced. The cost will be \$5,700.00. The new meter will pick up low use.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2016-456 Cell Phone Stipend – City Attorney Dale Coffey presented the Resolution that will allow "essential" employees to receive \$50.00 per month to conduct City business on their personal cell phones. Also, up to \$75.00 will allowed every 24 months to replace their cell phones. A motion to allow and accept the Resolution was made by Councilman David Trout and seconded by Councilman Phil Deckard II. The Motion passes 5-0.

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NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016-1711/Rezone of Hammons School – County Attorney Rod Bray appeared to request a change in zoning for the Hammons School. Currently it is R-1. Mr. Bray requested it be changed to B-2. With the change, the County intends to use the property as a morgue or offices. A motion to allow the rezoning was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II and seconded by Councilman Ben Merida. The Motion passes 5-0.

Resolution 2015-455 / Economic Development Funds – This resolution will allow \$50,000.00 to be placed in line 148048360.000. The funds will be expended by the Mayor for economic development. Councilman David Trout asked that if an expenditure be over \$25,000.00, it be brought to the Council for approval. A motion to allow the funds be added to the appropriation line and for expenditures over \$25,000.00 get Council approval was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II. This was seconded by Councilman David Trout. The Motion passes 5-0 with a show of right hands being raised.

CLAIMS

A motion to accept the claims as reported was made by Eric Bowlen. Councilman Mike Lanam seconded the motion. The Motion passes 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman David Trout made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Councilman Eric Bowlen. The Motion passes 5-0.

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ATTEST:

Rebecca J Tumey, 1st Deputy